guidelines of the programme, over a 7 yea$_r$ project period. Overseas Development Administration (ODA), United Kingdom has shown interest in funding the District Primary Educaion Programme in five districts each in Wesf Bengal und Andhra Pradesh.

Grant-in-aid to Universities

432. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: WiH the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant-in-aid provi ded by Government to the Universities of West Bengal so far during the year 1994-95; and

tb) the amount of graint-in-aid sanctioned for the Universities of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Delhf during the aforesaid period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and $^{w}i^{u}$ be laid on the Table of the House.

Cut in Budgetary Allocation for Education

533. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new economic policies would result in cuts in budgetary allocation for education.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing levels of funding would be inadequate to achieve the targets;

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the situation;

(e) whether it is also a fact that an annual growth rate of over 7 per cent in resources will be needed for achieving the objective of ensuring primray education by 2000 AD in most of the States**;** and

(f) if so, what action Government intends to take to achieve the objectives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN IHE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) i KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) The Government stands committed to the goal of Education foi All by 2000 AD and achieving tfie ^{c}ame by gradually increasing the investment in education to six per cent of the National Income. Inspite of resource constraints and competing priorities, the Eighth Plan outlay on Education (i.e. Central and States' allocation) Js 3.6 time$_s$ tbe Seventh Plan outlay. In keep ing with the priorities of National Policy on Education, the share of elementary and adult education in the total education budget has increased from 45.5 per cent in the Seventh Plan to 54.8 per cent in the Eighth Plan. A number of new initiatives have been taken by the Government to harmoniously harness all possible sources of funding Alongwith incre asing adequate resources for education,, the stress is now on cost effective utilization of the available resources and involvement of local communities.

Pension Fund for Sports persons

534. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a new Sports Pension Fund for meritorious sports persons including 126 Olympic medalists;

(b) if so, from which date that is going to be given effect to;

(c) whether provision for the same has been made in the budget; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b)